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EASTER FUN!

The first letter I opened on Easter Monday morning came from a treasured friend who, in spite of miles now separating us, has over the years confided in me some of the questioning and uncertainty of his pastoral ministry. His letter to me was part of his spiritual exercise for Maundy Thursday. Maundy Thursday, you recall, is a day to make pilgrimage to the cathedral and to re-affirm ordination vows in the presence of the bishop. Having participated at his ordination, he singled me out for this spiritual exercise.

My friend reminded me of a Fredrick Buechner volume I had presented to him at his ordination and the inside cover message I had written in my difficult-to-read fountain-tip pen scrawl:

In spite of the seriousness of your task, a little whimsy never hurts the preacher and the listening folks "out there." And remember, have fun! May 23, 1980

I share a portion of my friend's Maundy Thursday reflections: "Nearly a decade now of life. I realize in looking back that I did not pay heed to good advice. It has not been fun when it could have been fun. Living in the Gospel, though, means it's never too late for redemption--even fun can be redeemed! That is a good word, fun. It is a necessary way of life."

And what a redemptive word of advice for me as well. Yes, sometime, somewhere, somehow, it's "gotta be fun." It can't be all drudgery and discouragement. The often-felt pain and hurt of ministry must give way to Easter's fun.

I like to think of the early post-Easter church as a happy, if not fun-loving, group. Realizing that the Lord Jesus Christ had come leaping and laughing out of the tomb of death and defeat, the community was transformed. The early church celebrated life. And it was infectious.

Living in the eternal Easter-tide, is it too much to wish all of us fun-filled ministry as we celebrate and share its contagious joy?

L. Paul Bartling

UPCOMING EVENTS

TEENAGE SEXUALITY SYMPOSIUM

"Love in a Twisted World" is the theme of a one-day symposium dealing with teenage sexuality, taking place April 29, 9 am to 3 pm, at Bothell First Lutheran, 10207 NE 183rd, Bothell (one mile west of I-405, behind First Interstate Bank). It is open to 7th-12th grade students, their parents, and other interested adults. Mature 6th graders are also welcome. Cost is \$6 per person, \$15 per family; pay at the door. Please RSVP for groups over 5: 486-6977. This event is sponsored by the NW WA Synod Youth Committee and the ELCA.

LBI CHOIR CONCERT

The LBI choir directed by Jean Wahlstrom will present "Your Kingdom Come," a combination of music, scripture, and worship, at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 13047 Greenwood Ave. No., Seattle, on Sunday, April 30 at 4 pm. Free will offering.

"BISHOP'S CONVOCATION" -- MAY 4

All professional workers of our Synod are expected to attend this event on May 4 at Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood, 6211-196th SW; 778-2159. Congregations are strongly encouraged to pay the \$10 fee (\$12 at the door) for their clergy and lay workers to attend.

DR. PAUL NELSON, Director of the ELCA 5-year study of ministry, will be with us to share his work with the Task Force on the Study of Ministry. The day will include lunch and Eucharist. Please mail the lavender registration form sent to you earlier and a check to Trinity Lutheran by April 28 to help them know how many people to prepare for. See you there!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A GLOBAL MISSION CAREER?

World Mission Prayer League, a Lutheran missionary society, is presenting a workshop on May 5-6 to provide information and answer questions about the missionary vocation. Lodging will be available at the LOMA Center in Issaquah, where the event is to be held. Questions? Call 391-4046.

HEAR FATHER THOMAS KEATING

The Center for Spiritual Development is hosting Father Keating May 5-6 at Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church in Seattle. This will be his third visit to Seattle in three years, and each time he has drawn large groups of people from every tradition. He speaks about the contemplative dimension of the spiritual life which he calls "Centering Prayer", which is a powerful way for people to deepen their spiritual life and practice. Bring a sack lunch. Cost is \$40. Call the Center for Spiritual Development, 329-6700.

CONFERENCE ON THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

"The Spirit of Eastern Christendom", a one-day conference on the history, worship practices and iconography of the Orthodox Church, will be held on Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, at Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption, 1804-13th Ave., on Seattle's Capitol Hill. The conference is proposed to meet the increased public demand for information about the orthodox Church as a result of news coverage of the Millenium of Christianity celebration in the Soviet Union in 1988, and the local Seattle-Leningrad Sister Churches Program and Leningrad Bibles project.

The conference is sponsored by the Washington Council of Orthodox Churches, the Church Council of Greater Seattle, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle, and the Northwest Theological Union. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch and materials. Registration deadline is May 8.

RE-SCHEDULED CONFERENCE ON AGING

"The Gift and the Challenge: Older Adults and the Church" has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, at Prince of Peace Lutheran, 19030-8th Ave. So., Seattle (SW of SeaTac). It is designed for pastors and lay leaders to reflect on implications of an increasing aging population for the church, to discuss models of congregational programs, and to encourage participation of older persons in the life & ministry of your congregation. One-third of Lutherans in the United States are over 65 years of age!

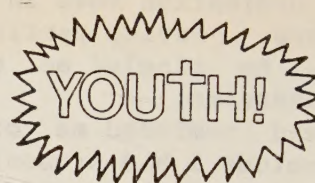
Sponsored by the NW and SW Washington Synods; Social Ministry Committee, Northwest District-LCMS; Dept. of Gerontology, Lutheran Bible Institute; and Lutheran Center on Aging. Cost is \$12 per person if by-mail pre-registration is postmarked by May 8; \$15.00 per person at the door. Call 467-6532 for more information.

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE

Lutheran Social Services is offering couples the opportunity to get together to enjoy a Marriage Enrichment weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, at the beautiful and serene Dominican Reflection Center near Edmonds. Cost is \$70 per couple, and couples are encouraged to pre-register as soon as possible, as attendance will be limited. Call Fran Davis, 365-2700.

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Through a grant from Lutheran Brotherhood, a workshop on lifestyle evangelism principles will be conducted by the Church Growth Center at University Lutheran, 1604 NE 50th, Seattle, 1 pm to 4 pm on May 25. There is no charge. Participants will receive basic material that can be shared in the congregation.



FESTIVALS OF LIFE FOR YOUTH

Lutheran Bible Institute announces the following "Festival of Life" youth opportunities: Senior High Week June 18-22, cost \$90, grades 9-12, "Don't Just Say Know"; Junior High Week June 25-28, cost \$75, grades 7-9, "Hide and Seek". For more information, call LBI toll free 1-800-843-5659 (Washington) or 1-800-237-6152 and ask for Pam Funaiock or Jane Prestbye.

GONZAGA LITURGICAL MUSIC INSTITUTE

The 3rd annual institute will be held June 19-22 at Gonzaga University in Spokane. The institute is an intensive week of study designed to bring accessible on-going training of the highest quality to liturgical musicians of the Northwest.

For details on cost and registration contact Gonzaga University Liturgical Music Institute, Attn: Edward Schaefer, Department of Music, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA 99258.

CHURCH LIBRARIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 29th annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries, an ecumenical organization, will be held June 22-24 at Columbia Christian College in Portland, OR. Contact Susan Reiver, (503) 659-5457, 3032 SE Laurelwood Dr., Milwaukie, OR 97222 for information.

COMMUNITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Dr. M. Scott Peck, author of *THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED* and *THE DIFFERENT DRUM*, is one of the founding directors of the Foundation for Community Encouragement (FCE), which is sponsoring this workshop. Their vision is to bring peace, reconciliation, and integrity to our fragmented society through Community Building Workshops.

This workshop will be held on June 24-25 at St. Thomas Conference Center located in St. Edward State Park in Kenmore, 30 minutes from downtown Seattle. For more information, contact Frank Poletti at 324-7042 or write to him at 1155-18th Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98112. Space is limited.

CHURCH MUSICIANS CONFERENCE

Pastors and musicians from all Lutheran bodies in the US and Canada will gather to hear speakers and music and to learn from workshops at the international conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) this summer, meeting in Rochester, New York, July 23-27. The deadline to register without extra charge is June 15, after which a \$25 late fee will be added to registrations. Churches are urged to pay all or part of the \$125 fee for ALCM members or \$175 for non-ALCM members. The non-member fee includes a one-year membership.


Additional information about conference speakers, workshops, musical events, airline discounts and hotels is available from the Synod Office.

"Spirituality for the Long Haul: Food for the Journey" is the theme of Pax Christi USA's National Assembly to be held August 11-13 at Seattle University. Keynote speakers will be Jon Sobrino, SJ, theologian from El Salvador, and Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., president of SANE/FREEZE. Participants will also gather for an evening with the Swinomish Indian tribe.

Registration is \$50 (\$60 after July 14). Housing & meals are \$50. More information in Synod Office.

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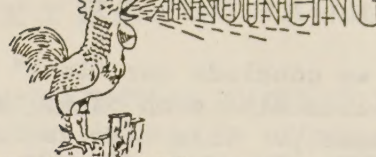
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PAX CHRISTI USA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 1989
AUGUST 11-13
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Keynotes: Jon Sobrino, SJ
Rev. William Sloane
Coffin, Jr.

For more information, contact
Pax Christi USA
348 East Tenth Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16503
814/453-4955



SPEAKER AVAILABLE

A family physician who has spent several years in El Salvador as a volunteer with the Lutheran Church is available to speak to congregational groups about her work there. Call Central Lutheran (322-7500) to make arrangements.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF LOADING DATES

Loading dates for the spring boxcar for LWR are Friday, May 12, 8 am to 4 pm, and Saturday, May 13, 8 am to noon at Our Redeemer Lutheran parking lot, corner of NW 85th and 25th NW, Seattle. Take exit 172 (N. 85th) from I-5 and go west on N. 85th, then NW 85th for about 3 miles; 783-7900.

Checks to help with freight costs payable to Lutheran Boxcar Fund may be mailed to Ken & Ruth Helling, 2370 W. Viewmont Way W., Seattle, WA 98199. Items needed are light to medium weight clothing for men & children; sweaters of all kinds for men, women & children; woven cotton or blends of fabrics (not knits) at least 3 yards or as much as a bolt; parish projects: quilts 60x80, blankets, layettes, sewing kits, soap, school uniforms.

TOURS OF CHURCHWIDE OFFICES IN CHICAGO

The Lutheran Center, 8765 W. Higgins, Chicago, is open for "drop-in" tours from 1-3:30 pm on all work days. Tours will be conducted at other times, but advance scheduling must be arranged. Call (312) 280-2700 to schedule a tour when you will be visiting in the area.

INFORMATION FROM THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

The Synod Office has a packet of information (videos and articles) from the Center for Global Education at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, concerning current happenings in Latin America, plus information on study trips to Mexico, China, East Africa & Brazil. Call 783-9292 for a copy.

INFORMATION ON CURRENT EVENTS IN NAMIBIA

The Synod Office has current information on the tragic events that have taken place in Namibia since April 1, the beginning of the U.N.-supervised "transition to independence". Bishop Chilstrom has written to President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker strongly urging resolution of this problem. Call the Synod Office for a copy.

STEWARDSHIP

This month we conclude our "look" at the COVENANT we made with each other at the 1988 Synod Assembly. This time we focus on the last three promises:

We will interpret the mission and ministry of the Synod and churchwide organization to our congregation on a regular basis. Do you know what the mission statement is for the Synod? Do you know what it is for the national ELCA? If you do not, contact the Synod office and they can provide you with the information. If you, as leadership, do not know what these mission statements are, does your congregation know? Perhaps it is time for you to become aware of these statements to see how they fit in with your own congregation's mission statement.

We will utilize Synod and churchwide organization materials and personnel in stewardship education within our congregation. The Synod Stewardship Committee, along with Rev. Bob Armstrong of the Region I office, continue to compile resources for your use. The 1989 stewardship packet from the national office should be in your hands by now. This year's theme is "Signs of Your Gracious Love". It's beautiful and exciting material, and offers many ideas for use in your congregation. Read it, study it, and glean what you can for your own stewardship program.

The Northwest Seattle Cluster has joined together for a series of organizational sessions, led by Bob Armstrong, to walk through material and develop a stewardship program for this fall. We are hoping to use this as a model for all clusters. We are organizing laity retreats, clergy retreats, there are books and videos available regarding stewardship, speakers to come to your congregation, information in the Action Packet that comes to your church office, and much, much more. The Rev. Bob Armstrong, Commission for Financial Services, Region I, is in and of himself a marvelous resource. We are also relying on you and your stewardship programs. Let us know what you are doing--your successes and where you need help. We are here to serve you.



We will support and care for each other in prayer and mutual encouragement. It always makes me feel good and lifts my spirits when someone tells me they are praying for me. What support and encouragement it is to know that friends and family are sharing my struggles and my joys. Encourage one another, perhaps even work together with sister congregations on your stewardship programs; but above all, pray for one another.

As was mentioned, the Synod Stewardship Committee is here to serve you. Listed below are the members' names and phone numbers where they may be contacted, or you may call the Synod Office and leave a message.

Russ Wells	745-1807
John Breen	783-5582
Phil Nelson	346-3287
Sandra Denoff, Chair	255-5910

God bless all of us as we work together to make stewardship a way of life.

WANT ADS

NORSE HOME NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Clergy or lay volunteers are needed to lead worship services on Sundays at the Norse Home in Seattle (near Synod Office). If you can help, call Paula or Maggie at 783-9600. Thanks.

WALDORF COLLEGE POSITION OPEN

Waldorf College announces an opening for Associate in Campus Ministry. Deadline for application is May 15. Contact A. David Bolstorff, Chaplain, Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa 50436; (515) 582-2450. Job description in Synod Office.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Lakeridge Lutheran in Seattle is seeking an organist/choir director. Contact Ruth Pollock, 772-1382, Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

DIRECTOR OF MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRY

The North Carolina Synod Bishop is seeking applicants for this position. The person hired would also be a Bishop's Assistant, headquartered and residing in Salisbury, North Carolina. Complete job description and application form available in Synod Office. Deadline to apply May 15.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION POSITION SOUGHT

Carol Maakestad has just finished her MEd in Christian Education from Lutheran Bible Institute and is interested in a CE position. Contact her at 431 Broadway, #406 Tacoma, WA 98402; 272-0765

SEMINAR ON DRUGS/ NARCOTICS & SOCIETY

Drug addiction is a serious problem facing us today that has impacted all segments of our community; all races, ages, and economic levels.

"Drugs/Narcotics and Society: The Cocaine Generation" will be held on Saturday May 27, 8 am-5 pm, at Pacific Lutheran University. The substance of the seminar will be new directions and methods of treatment for drugs/narcotic addiction based on an overview of its history from the turn of the century until today. Sponsored by five synods of Region I and the Northwest District-LCMS. The seminar team will include professionals in the field. Cost is \$40. A brochure and registration form will be coming to congregations by mail.

1990 TOUR OPPORTUNITIES FROM L.I.T.E.

Two tours are being offered by LITE in 1990. One is to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Brazil, January 22-February 3. Group members will visit a portion of the LWF Assembly and visit other cities/towns in the area. Walt Pilgrim, LITE Director, will serve as theologian. Projected cost is \$2299. A \$150 deposit by Nov. 1, 1989, will hold your place.

A second tour will be to the Oberammergau Passion Play, June 19-July 4. Visit the famous passion play, along with beautiful Bavaria and historic cities of the Danube. Tour hosts will be Harvey Neufeld of PLU and Walt Pilgrim. Cost will be \$1894 plus airfare, with a \$300 deposit required by Sept. 1, 1989.

Contact the LITE office for more details on these tour opportunities, 535-7342.

RESIDENT THEOLOGIAN AVAILABLE IN 1989

One of the most exciting biblical teachers of the church, Ronald Hals, will be available to the Northwest area during Sept. 17-Nov. 30, 1989. His specialty is Old Testament, and he would offer to teach biblical and other related material that would meet the needs of congregations.

Clusters of congregations should come together soon to issue an invitation through LITE for his presence. Costs would be shared by the cluster. Nine clusters have already expressed an interest. Write or call the LITE Office, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447; 535-7342.

AN OPPORTUNITY AT HOLDEN VILLAGE

Holden Village is offering their 9th annual HEARING IMPAIRED WEEK July 10-17. This week is dedicated to learning more about the hearing impaired community and its relationship to the hearing community, through active participation of both in lectures, worship, and daily interaction. Members of the deaf community will serve on the teaching staff. Hearing as well as hearing impaired persons are welcome to be a part of this special week. Interpreters will be available. There are a limited number of grants for hearing impaired persons who may need financial assistance. Contact Holden Village, Chelan, WA 98816.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

Don't miss this opportunity for four fantastic days of training in leadership skills. Each congregation is allowed three youth (9-12 graders) and one adult who would then return to their youth group and teach/lead others. Two locations are offered; deadline to register is June 1. This event fills up fast!

	<u>LTS WEST</u>	<u>LTS EAST</u>
Dates:	August 17-20	June 22-25
Place:	Pacific Luth Univ, Tacoma	Camp Lutherhaven Coeur d'Alene, ID
Cost:	\$78.00	\$78.00
Theme:	"Walking in the Light"	
Speaker:	Susan Briehl	Buzz Kahn
Registrar:	Jan Nesse	Lori Mostad
	206/546-4153	509/624-5980

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

Keep in your prayers three members of our synod family recovering from recent surgeries: Julius Juhkentaal, Roland Swanson, and Joyce Egertson. . . Paul R. Olson, organist/choirmaster at Holy Trinity, Mercer Island, gave a recital on Palm Sunday at St. Thomas Church in New York City. He was also featured in recital at Walla Walla College in April, and has been asked to return to the Aspen Music Festival this July as organist-pianist. Congratulations! . . . The high school youth group at St. Andrew's, Bellevue, will travel to Ensenada, Mexico, this summer to work at Miracle Ranch Orphanage . . . Our youngest congregation, Shepherd of the Hills in Issaquah, recently celebrated their first birthday . . . Speaking of birthdays, Bishop Lowell Knutson recently celebrated his 60th on April 10!

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

S Y N O D C A L E N D A R

April

- 27 Board of Congregational Life,
 7:30 pm, Prince of Peace North
- 29-30 Regional Consultation with Boards of
 Congregational Life

May

- 1-2 Intern gathering, Center for Renewal
- 4 BISHOP'S CONVOCATION, 9 am, Trinity,
 Lynnwood
- 8-12 APLLM Conference, Lutherhaven,
 Coeur d'Alene, ID
- 12-13 Lutheral World Relief Loading, Our
 Redeemer's, Seattle
- 12-13 Washington Association of Churches
 Biennial Assembly, Ellensburg
- 16 Finance Committee, 6 pm, Prince of Peace N
- 17 Workshop on Aging, 9 am, Prince of Peace S
- 23-24 Region I Planning Retreat, LBI, Issaquah
- 25 Board of Congregational Life,
 7:30 pm, Prince of Peace North
- 29 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY--OFFICE CLOSED

June

- 3 Native American Constituting Assembly,
 Good Shepherd, Seattle, 9 am

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APRIL '89

CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor

Terrie Rae Anderson (A)	Kent, Kent	05/15/89
Paul A. Fauske (LP)	Holy Trinity, Mercer Island	05/21/89
Timothy J. Wolbrecht	St. Luke Medical Ctr	08/10/88
	Chaplain & Pastoral Counselor	

ORDINATIONS

Terrie Rae Anderson	Central, Everett	05/06/89
Timothy J. Wolbrecht	Lutheran Bible Institute	05/21/89

INSTALLATION

Terrie Rae Anderson	Kent, Kent	05/21/89
David E. Cox	1st Lutheran, W. Seattle	05/07/89

ANNIVERSARY

Sammamish Hills, Redmond	10th	4/89
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CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS

CP=Congregational Profile

Ferndale, Christ

Ferndale, Zion

Freeland, Trinity

Kirkland, Holy Spirit (A)

Redmond, Faith

Renton, Nativity

Seattle, 1st/Richmond Beach (A)

Seattle, Bethel Shoreline (A)

Seattle, Denny Park

Seattle, Foss Home Chaplain

Seattle, St. John

Stanwood, Josephine Sunset Home
Chaplain

NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim
I=Interviewing C=Calling

NV	Robert Johnson, Pastor
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CP	Clair Grube, Int
I	Michael Anderson, (LP)
CP	Paul Running, Int
CP	Lothar Pietz, Int
C	Ray Lester (LP)
C	Jim Schoeld (LP)
CP	Robert Schultz, Int
I	
CP	Grant Gard, Int
NV	